House Resolution No. 1827

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their civic-minded leadership activities; and

Whereas, Judy Willard of Aurora, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the Supervisor of the Lawrence County Neighborhood Center, a vocational calling that she will draw to a close on April 13, 2007, in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, employed by the Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation for thirty-six years, Judy Willard spent twenty-five of those years with the Head Start program and the last ten years with Neighborhood Centers; and

Whereas, no stranger to well-deserved honors and accolades, Judy Willard is the recipient of a Head Start Region VII Parent Involvement Award, an Employee Award for Outstanding Service to Low Income, the Chamber of Commerce Loyd R. Ellis Community Service Award, and a University of Missouri Extension Leaders Award; and

Whereas, Judy Willard also qualified for the Head Start Administration Credential, Head Start Social Services Credential, and Certified Community Action Program Credential; and

Whereas, in addition to her work with OACAC, Judy Willard has developed and maintained an excellent reputation for her participation in the Future Business Leaders of America Advisory Board, Aurora Schools Health Advisory Board, Aurora High School A+ Advisory Committee, Lawrence County Long Term Recovery Committee, Lawrence County Extension Council, Habitat for Humanity Board, Housing Authority Board, Chamber of Commerce Board, Optimist Club, and Rotary Club; and

Whereas, Judy Willard is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved wife of Frank Willard; loving mother of Dean Willard; mother-in-law of Heather Willard; devoted grandmother of Dalton, Laney, Weston, Clayton, and Quinley Willard; and niece of Maggie Sweeney and Edna Mitton:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered by Judy Willard as Supervisor of the Lawrence County Neighborhood Center and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Judy Willard of Aurora, Missouri.

Offered by

Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1827, adopted April 10, 2007.